



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 691**

LCO No. 4366



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' CRISIS LINE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-100d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide a toll-free  
4 telephone number for use as (1) a clearinghouse by veterans, active  
5 members of the armed forces in this state, including the National  
6 Guard, and their families to obtain, in response to their requests about  
7 benefits or services that may be available to such veterans, members or  
8 their families, referrals to entities that provide such benefits or  
9 services, and (2) a crisis line to respond to requests for assistance from  
10 veterans that is modeled on the federal veterans' crisis line. The toll-  
11 free telephone number shall be staffed by employees of or trained  
12 volunteers working at the Department of Veterans' Affairs on  
13 weekdays during regular business hours, and on weekends and  
14 holidays from nine o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	27-100d
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable*